

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH and FOURTH ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 17, 2001 * 10 AM - 6 P.M.

* 101 Monroe Street * County Executive Office Building * 1 Block West of 355 at Montgomery Avenue *
1 Block West of Rockville Metro * Exit 6-East I-270 then 1 mile * Website: <http://www2.ihs.gov/heritage>

- November is annually proclaimed by the President of the United States as American Indian Heritage Month
- The American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Heritage Committee, an inter-agency coordinating committee, located at the Indian Health Service (IHS) in Rockville, Maryland, annually plans American Indian Heritage awareness activities. These activities are FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and are accessible through the IHS Heritage Committee website: <http://www2.ihs.gov/heritage>
- The American Indian Festival is an event co-sponsored by the AI/AN Committee, the City of Rockville, the Office of the County Executive, the Montgomery County Library System and the American Indian Society of Washington, D. C. The American Indian Festival is FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Activities of the American Indian Festival will include:
 - An American Indian Video Film Festival on various American Indian Issues will be shown throughout the day.
 - A history display of the Carlisle Indian School and Jim Thorpe, Sac & Fox, "The World's Greatest Athlete."
 - American Indian Exhibitors demonstrating their various skills in beadwork, ribbonwork, shawlmaking, pottery, quilt making, drum making, etc.
 - American Indian Speakers on: Traditional Healing, Genealogy: Finding Your American Indian Roots, Maryland Indian Commission and other topics.
 - American Indian Vendors with regalia, beadwork, silverwork, pottery, paintings, featherwork, jewelry, etc.
 - American Indian Foods - Pawnee Corn Soup and Fry Bread, Lakota Wojape, Irquois Corn Soup and Scones, and Indian Tacos.
 - American Indian "Mini-Pow Wow", 1-5 p.m., with dancers representing many tribal nations: Crow, Sioux, Caddo, Pawnee, Kiowa, Seneca, Chippewa, Cherokee, Mandan-Hidatsa, Wichita, etc., including exhibition dancing.
 - American Indian "Traditional Regalia Styles" Show of various distinctive and distinguishing tribal regalia dancers wear representing their tribes will be held during the "Mini-Pow Wow."
 - American Indian Exhibits will be in the Lobby and Art Galleries: Black and white, and Sepia photography by Stephen Gambaro; bronze work of Retha Gambaro, Sculptor; American Indian Poster Display; artwork from various artists; Turtle Mountain Star Quilt Display; Poster Display, etc.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIBRARY DISPLAYS:

- Concurrent in November with the activities on the American Indian Heritage Month Calendar, the AI/AN Committee is co-sponsoring with the Montgomery County Library System American Indian Art and Artifact displays in various Montgomery County libraries.

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